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National Library Week April 15 – 21

Essay Contest

This year's theme for National Library Week is *Come Together @ Your Library.* There are special events every day of the week, plus the Morton Grove Public Library is sponsoring the second annual writing contest for all ages: *The Things I See Coming Together @ the Morton Grove Public Library.* Winners of the contest will be announced April 15, and winning essays will be posted in the Library and on the Library's website, www.webrary.org. Winners will receive gift certificates to Old Orchard Mall. Rules for the contest are:

1. Maximum of 500 words
2. Essays must be printed legibly or typed on 8.5 x 11 inch paper
3. On the back of the essay, please print the author's name, address, phone number, and age category:
   - Students: grades K – 6
   - Students: grades 7 – 12
   - Adults: age 18 – 65
   - Senior adults: age 66 plus

NLW Trivia Contest

The Youth Services Department is making it fun and easy for families to "Come Together." In addition to our regular classes, special programs are scheduled. Every day, children may enter the National Library Week Trivia contest. Questions for three age categories will be featured: Preschool-Grade 1, Grades 2-4 and Grades 5-6. A daily winner from each group will be chosen from the correct answers. Winners will have their choice of prizes spotlighted in the prize display case. Beginning April 1, you can get a "home-start" finding the answers by checking them online on the Kids' Webrary home page, www.webrary.org/kids/, or picking them up at the Youth Services Desk.

Tours and Open House Planned

As this newsletter goes to print, it is anticipated that the Library's remodeling projects will be completed by National Library Week. Join us in celebrating the completion of the remodeling and the opening of new spaces for programs and activities. Announcements about tours and an open house will be posted in the Library.

Youth Services Activity Room

The renovation of the former Local History Room to a Youth Services Activity Room is underway. This room will provide a wonderful space for children to participate in story times and special activities. Many other uses of the room will develop as the project continues. The target for completion is National Library Week when many activities are planned to take place in this room. Look for a future announcement about the project, and please plan a visit to the new Activity Room.

Would you like to involve your family in the renovation project? Wall hangings of many popular books and book characters are being purchased. If you would like to sponsor a display, your family's name will be imprinted as donors. Please stop by the Youth Services Desk for more details.

National Library Week Calendar of Events

Sunday 15	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
1:30 pm Poetry Party: Reg. req.	10 am-2 pm Drop in crafts for ages 2-6 4 pm Knitting Club	10 am Music with Steve	4:30 pm Chess Club 6:30 pm Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament	6:30 pm Teddy Bear Slumber Party: Reg. req.	11 am Wee Read 4 pm Puppet Theatre Workshop: Reg. req.	2 pm Ricky Recycles
2 pm Violet Jessup: Titanic Survivor	2 pm Film: *The Chorus*	11:30 am Consumer Product Evaluation	7 pm Papier Mâché class #2	10 am All Booked Up 2 & 7 pm: Film: *Babel*		

Computer Classes

Individual, Hands-on Tutorials

Morton Grove residents can learn how to use a computer with a one-on-one, hands-on tutorial guided by an MGPL Librarian. Call 847-929-5101 to schedule an appointment for one or more of these sessions:

- Using a computer mouse
- Basic Internet
- Setting up a free e-mail account
- Using iBistro, the Library's computer catalog
- Using EBSCO, the magazine database for research

AskAway

On the Library's home page (www.webrary.org) you'll find the link to AskAway, a 24/7, instant messaging-based cooperative reference service of Illinois and Wisconsin libraries. Get reliable answers from a professional librarian – anytime, day or night!

Movies, Munchies & More

The Library hosts a program that provides entertainment and education, plus light refreshments, every Tuesday at 11:30 am. Join us for travelogs, films, concerts, live presentations, and more. You can bring your lunch or just enjoy coffee and munchies. Call 847-929-5101 for details. Upcoming special events include:

ROUTE 66 TRAVELS
Tues., March 6, 11:30 am
Discover the roadside attractions of Route 66, from the beginning of the Route at the Art Institute of Chicago, all the way to the Santa Monica Pier in California. Join us as Caryl Derenfeld of Learned Conversations takes you on an armchair trip along one of our country's most famous highways.

FRANCE IN FOCUS
Tues., March 20, 11:30 am
See Paris, southern France, Normandy and much more as Laurence Stern, an award-winning Chicagoland photographer, shows slides of the beautiful countryside, historical locations, and many popular tourist destinations.

CONSUMER PRODUCT EVALUATION WITH CHESTER GAYNES
Tues., April 17, 11:30 am
Chester Gaynes is a professional engineer whose Testing Laboratories inspected consumer products such as bathroom accessories, calculators, cameras, ladders, luggage, smoke detectors, and much more. He will discuss the inspection and testing processes and explain why such appraisals are important to consumers.

VACATIONS, LOCATIONS, AND THE MOVIES WITH RICHARD KLEIN
Tues., April 24, 11:30 am
Join travel writer and consultant Richard Klein for a multi-media presentation that links the settings of movie locations with popular and exotic vacation destinations.

Choosing Financial Professionals

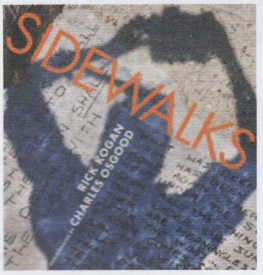
Tues., March 6, 7 pm
You'd like to consult a financial planner or investment adviser, but how do you find someone you can trust, someone who's right for you? Karen Chan, a Certified Financial Planner with the University of Illinois Extension, will outline what questions to ask, what those credentials and letters after the adviser's name mean, the red flags you should watch for, and the kinds of fees to anticipate. Registration required; please call 847-929-5101.

Chicago Outskirts Concert

Sunday, March 11, 2 pm
You'll hear new arrangements of many old favorites and popular songs when Chicago Outskirts, an all-female jazz ensemble, performs at the Library.

Sidewalks: Portraits of Chicago by Rick Kogan and Charles Osgood

Sun., March 18, 2 pm



Authors Rick Kogan and Charles Osgood discuss their essays and photographs previously published in the Sidewalks feature of the *Chicago Tribune* Sunday magazine.

No Senior Left Behind: A Novel Experience

Wed., March 21, 2 pm
The Library is co-sponsoring a performance of *No Senior Left Behind* with the Morton Grove Senior Center to be held at the American Legion Civic Center, 6140 Dempster. This original musical will be performed by *Still Acting Up,* a theater troupe sponsored by the Skokie Park District and directed by Jill Shellabarger. Reservations are required; please call the Senior Center Hotline at 847-470-5223.

Three proposals have recently been made for new adult activities at the Library. If you are interested in participating in any or all of these, or if you have other suggestions to make, please call Nancy Brothers, Coordinator of Programming, at 847-929-5122.

- **Chess:** weekly, biweekly, or monthly chess matches
- **Scrabble:** weekly, biweekly, or monthly games
- **Adult spelling bee:** annual event

In Full Swing Concert

Sun., March 25, 2 pm

Under the direction of Ron Surace, In Full Swing performs a lively repertoire of classical jazz and popular songs from the past. Laura Grill is the featured vocalist.

Let's Talk about It
Margaret Mitchell: An Unconventional Southern Belle

Wed., March 28, 2 pm

Celebrate Women's History Month with historian, teacher, and author Joan Johnson, PhD. Dr. Johnson will explore the lives of Margaret Mitchell and the heroine of *Gone with the Wind,* Scarlett O'Hara. How did both of these women challenge Southern gender conventions of their time? Did their behavior result in new perceptions of what it meant to be a Southern lady, or were they ultimately punished for their transgressions?

Make a Papier Mâché Bowl: 5 Weekly Sessions

Begins Wed., April 11, 7 pm

Back by popular demand: Iris Nason, Morton Grove artist and papier mâché expert, will show you how to make a beautiful papier mâché bowl – just in time for Mothers' Day. Participants must bring: scissors, a bowl to serve as a model, plastic bag that fits over the bowl, and a 1" wide paint brush. Please wear old clothes or an apron. Registration is limited to 15. Children must be age 10 and up and must be accompanied by a parent. Call 847-929-5101.

Violet Jessup – Titanic Survivor

Sun., April 15, 2 pm

Violet Jessup was an ocean liner stewardess who survived the sinking of both the Titanic (April 14, 1912) and the HMS Britannic (November 21, 1916). Actress and historian Leslie Goddard portrays Jessup, giving eyewitness accounts of the terrifying disasters and describing her life as a crewmember on the most glamorous luxury liners of their day. Co-sponsored by the Morton Grove Historical Society.

Chicago Mob Dixieland Band

Sun., April 22, 2 pm

This Dixieland band is comprised of trumpet, trombone, guitar, banjo, drums, and tuba, and plays traditional Dixieland music such as *When the Saints Go Marching In, Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue, and Sweet Georgia Brown.*

Let's Talk about Iraq: An Ethnic, Cultural, and Linguistic Survey

Wed., April 25, 7 pm

Professor Edward Odisho was born and raised in Iraq, but escaped to the U.S. in 1980. He is the author of numerous articles and books about the languages and culture of Iraq and the Middle East, and has made many television and radio appearances as an expert on Iraq. Join us for an informative and thought-provoking discussion of the current situation in Iraq.

Bob Duda and the Highland Park Pops in Concert

Sun., April 29, 2 pm

The ever-popular Bob Duda sings the hits made famous by Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, and Dean Martin. Join us for a fabulous springtime concert of music by the Highland Park Pops.

CALENDAR

March

1	Th.	7 pm	Teen READ
3	Sa.	2 pm	Film
4	Su.	2 pm	Film
6	Tu.	11:30 am	Route 66 Travels
6	Tu.	7 pm	Choosing A Financial Professional
7	We.	7 pm	Just the Facts
8	Th.	7:30 pm	Library Board Meeting
10	Sa.	2 pm	Film
11	Su.	2 pm	Chicago Outskirts Concert
13	Tu.	11:30 am	Film
15	Th.	10 am	All Booked Up Book Discussion
15	Th.	2 & 7 pm	Film
16	Fr.	2 pm	Film
18	Su.	2 pm	Kogan and Osgood
20	Tu.	11:30 am	Focus on France
21	We.	2 pm	No Senior Left Behind: MG Senior Center, reg. req.
24	Sa.	10 am	Get Hooked
24	Sa.	2 pm	Film
25	Su.	2 pm	In Full Swing
27	Tu.	11:30 am	Film
27	Tu.	7 pm	Thinking Out Loud: Book Discussion
28	We.	2 pm	Let's Talk about: Margaret Mitchell

April

3	Tu.	11:30 am	Film
4	We.	7 pm	Just the Facts Nonfiction Book Discussion
5	Th.	7 pm	Teen READ; Location TBA
7	Sa.	2 pm	Film
8	**Su.**	**CLOSED for Easter**	
10	Tu.	Film	
11	We.	7 pm	Papier Mâché #1: reg. req.
12	Th.	7:30 pm	Library Board Meeting
14	Sa.	2 pm	Film
15 – 21			National Library Week: Come Together @ The Library
15	Su.	2 pm	Portrayal of Violet Jessup, Survivor of the *Titanic*
16	Mo.	2 pm	Film
17	Tu.	11:30 am	Consumer Product Evaluation
18	We.	7 pm	Papier Mâché #2: reg. req.
19	Th.	10 am	All Booked Up Book Discussion
19	Th.	2 & 7 pm	Film
22	Su.	2 pm	Chicago Mob Dixieland Band
24	Tu.	11:30 am	Vacations, Locations & Movies
24	Tu.	7 pm	Thinking Out Loud: Book Discussion
25	We.	7 pm	Let's Talk about Iraq
25	We.	7 pm	Papier Mâché #3: reg. req.
28	Sa.	10 am	Get Hooked Knitting and Crocheting
29	Su.	2 pm	Bob Duda & Highland Park Pops in Concert

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Youth Services Classes
Spring Session runs 3/12 – 5/4/07. Registration required for the following classes.

Library Playtime
2-Year-Olds & Parents or Caregivers
Thursdays, 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Preschool Storytime
Ages 3 – Kindergarten
Wednesdays, 10:30 am and Thursdays, 1 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff
Grades K, 1, and 2; Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
Class limit – 12

Drop-In Classes

Knitting Club
Mondays, 4-5 pm
Bring a project or learn a new one. Ages 6 and up.

Listen Up!
Drop-in storytime for preschool children and their caregivers. Tuesdays at 10 am. Children hear stories and songs, interact in a group and do a craft.

Family Chess
Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. Beginners and experienced players of ALL ages are welcome.

Wee Read Lapsit Program
For ages 0–24 months. Hear songs and stories and enjoy playtime every Friday at 11 am. Also offered on Saturdays: March 24 and April 28, at 11 am.

Drama Club: Ages 6 – 12
1st Fridays, 4-5 pm.
Note: Drama Club now meets once a month. Learn to love acting and meet new friends with fun-filled activities.

March

1	Th	6:30 pm	Dr. Seuss Party
2	Fr	4 pm	Drama Club
3	Sa	11 am	Musical Story Time
9	Fr	4	Kidz Kartoonz
10	Sa	10-4	Crafty Saturday
17	Sa	2 pm	Where the Sidewalk Ends
23	Fr	4 pm	Write and Perform, #1
28	We	2 pm	Wild about Beads
30	Fr	4 pm	Write and Perform, #2
31	Sa	2 pm	Internet Safety

April

6	Fr	4 pm	Drama Club
7	Sa	11 am	Musical Story Time
13	Fr	4 pm	Kidz Kartoonz
14	Sa	10–4	Crafty Saturday
15	Su	1:30 pm	Poetry Party
16	Mo	10–2	Crafts for ages 2-6
17	Tu	10 am	Music with Steve
18	We	6:30 pm	Rock, Paper, Scissors
19	Th	6:30 pm	Teddy Bear Party
20	Fr	4 pm	Puppet Theater Workshop
21	Sa	2 pm	Ricky Recycle
28	Sa	2 pm	Donna Washington

Kidz Kartoonz

Flushed Away
(2006, PG, 84 min.)
Fri., March 9, 4 pm
An uptown rat gets flushed down the toilet in his penthouse apartment, ending in the sewers of London, where he has to learn a new and different way of life.

Jump In! (2006, G, 85 min.)
Fri., April 13, 4 pm
The story revolves around a young boxer, Izzy Daniels (Corbin Bleu), who is training to win the Golden Glove. When his friend, Mary (KeKe Palmer) asks him to substitute for a team member in a Double Dutch tournament, the young man discovers a hidden passion for jumping rope.

Crafty Saturdays

March 10 and April 14, 10 am– 4 pm
(while supplies last)
Make a seasonal fun craft.
Note: Children under eight may need adult supervision.

To register for Youth Services programs, call the Youth Services Desk at 847-929-5102

The Doctor Is IN: An All Dr. Seuss Show and Birthday Party

Thurs., March 1, 6:30 pm
Sandi Sylver and her puppet friends will perform Seuss classics for the *Cat in the Hat's* 50th birthday. Cake and refreshments will be served after the performance.

Musical Story Time

1st Saturdays, 11 am
March 3 and April 7

All ages will enjoy this interactive music-filled story time with activities or crafts. Drop-in.

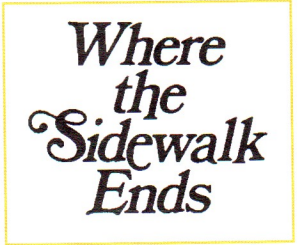
Kids in the Kitchen

Gr. 5 – 6: Wed., March 21, 6:30 pm
Gr. K – 1: Wed., April 25, 6:30 pm

Registration required; Limit: 12
Put on your apron and grab a spoon! Join YS staff "chefs" Kara Smith and Helen Weiss in this fun cooking class just for kids! Listen to a story featuring food and then help make a fun snack to enjoy.

Where the Sidewalk Ends

Sat., March 17, 2 pm
American Eagle Productions will present an original musical production based on the works of author and illustrator Shel Silverstein. The play is about a boy's adventures and discoveries and how he meets many silly characters like Ickle Me Tickle Me, Backward Bill, Penelope Purse and Pirate Jim. Fun for the whole family!



Write & Perform: Short Story Workshop

Fri., March 23 and March 30, at 4 pm

Examples of a good short story will be discussed and children ages 8 to 12 will begin writing their own short stories on March 23. The next week, on March 30, the children can bring in their finished stories. Some of the stories will be chosen for groups to perform. A fun-filled performance will take place at 4:45 on March 30. Registration required. Limit 20.

Wild about Beads

Wed., March 28, 2 pm

Participants (Grades 2 – 6) will make a beaded necklace from kits using beads and wire. All materials will be provided by the Library. Registration required. Class size: 12

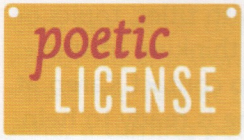
Internet Safety for the Whole Family

Sat., March 31, 2 pm

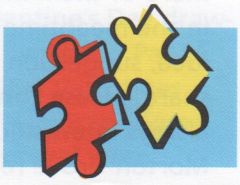
Richard Linke, a computer Internet security specialist, Morton Grove resident and parent, will present ways for the whole family to stay safe while shopping and chatting on the Internet. He will also share information on computer viruses and children's safety while online.

Poetry Party (Ages 6-12)

Sun., April 15, 1:30 pm



Come celebrate National Poetry Month with us while we read and write poetry, have some treats and even make a craft. Space is limited, so be sure to register for this poetry workshop run by Poetic License, Inc. Registration required.



Crafts for Ages 2-6

Mon., April 16, 10 am – 2 pm

Drop-in for a variety of fun-crafts. Make one, or make them all!

Music with Steve

Tues., April 17, 10 am

Steve plays guitar and sings favorite children's classics, along with some original creations. Children will be able to join in and will be encouraged to move to the music. Recommended for ages 2-6.

Rock, Paper Scissors Tournament

Wed., April 18, 6:30 pm

Children in grades 1-12 may register at the door. The winner will receive a Best Buy certificate and his/her name will be added to the Library's plaque.

Teddy Bear Slumber Party

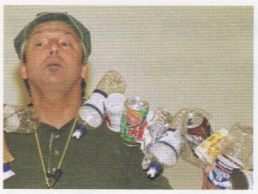
Thurs., April 19, 6:30 pm

Bring your Teddy or stuffed animal and join us for stories, a craft and a bedtime snack. (Wearing PJ's is optional, but encouraged!) Registration required.

Damen Avenue Puppeteers Puppet Workshop for K-Gr. 2

Fri., April, 20, 4 pm

Expert Puppeteer Susan Witek will guide your child in everything "puppet." She will show how to make puppets out of simple household objects and will teach the children basic puppetry skills. The fun continues when the children use their new skills to create a puppet performance and a parade to show off their creations. Registration required.



Ricky Recycle

Sat., April 21, 2 pm

Learn about all the benefits of recycling through this fun, interactive program. The whole family will learn the 4 R's of recycling: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, buy Recycled products – through words, song and movements during this exciting and interactive program.

Donna Washington, Storyteller

Sat., April 28, 2 pm

Acclaimed children's book author and recording artist Donna Washington appeals to a broad range of audiences, enthralling both children and adults. She tells folktales, fairy tales, legends and personal stories with equal skill and flair using words, voice and physicality to bring the story to life.

Calling All Creative Youth!

T-shirt Design Contest for children up to grade 5. Stop by the Youth Services Desk for details and an entry form. Deadline: April 1.

2nd Annual Variety Show, Tuesday, May 8, at 7 pm. Open to students in grades K-12. Deadline for signing up is April 24. Call the Youth Services Desk at 847-929-5102 to schedule your audition prior to the show. Limit of 3 minutes per act will be strictly enforced.

Children in preschool-Grade 6 are invited to submit artwork in **MGPL's 34th Annual Children's Art Contest.** Limit three entries per child. (See flyer or call for contest rules.) Deadline for submission: Friday, June 1, at 6 pm. Prizes will be awarded!

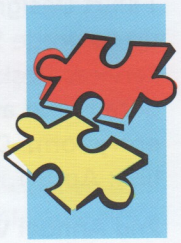
Book Discussions

***The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards**
All Booked Up
Thurs., March 15, 10 am
When his wife gives birth to twins during a blizzard, Dr. David Henry conceals one of his new daughters in an institution when he discovers she has Down syndrome.

***The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls**
Thinking Out Loud
Tues., March 27, 7 pm
Growing up with two unstable, eccentric parents was no easy task for Walls, who as a child resorted to extreme measures to survive daily life, including regularly picking through trash cans for food and painting her skin with markers to conceal the holes in her clothes.

***Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China* by Jung Chang**
All Booked Up
Thurs, April 19, 10 am
Chang's account of her grandmother's, her mother's, and her own life provides a unique and moving portrait of twentieth-century China.

***Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation* by Joseph Ellis**
Thinking Out Loud
Tues., April 24, 7 pm



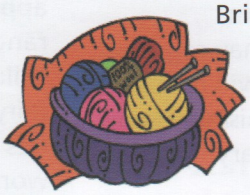
Just the Facts

Are you interested in reading true stories? Would you like to discuss new nonfiction books with others who have similar interests? Just the Facts, our new, nonfiction book discussion group will meet for the first time at **7 pm, Wednesday, March 7,** to discuss ***Freakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner.** Future titles will be announced at the first meeting of Just the Facts.

To learn more about future book discussions please visit www.webrary.org/rs/ or call Karen Hansen at 847-965-4220.

Get Hooked: Knitting and Crocheting Get-together

Sat., March 24, 10 am
Sat., April 28, 10 am



Bring your knitting needles, crochet hooks and yarn and join this creative, enthusiastic discussion and demonstration about crafting with yarn.

Exhibits

Baxter Room

March 1 – 30: Photography by L. Stern
April 1 – 30: Watercolors by J. Hinman

Lincoln Ave. Entry

March 1 – 30: Display by Center of Concern
April 1 – 30: Bird houses by J. Hinman

Youth Services Parent Advisory Board

Fifteen community members are currently involved with the Parent Advisory Board and some have attended meetings held in September and January. Those attending the meetings have contributed many wonderful ideas about programming and activities parents would like to see at the Library. If you are interested in joining this dynamic group, please fill out an information card at the Youth Services Desk.

Youth Services Blogs

On the MGPL Parents' Blog at mgplparents.blogspot.com/, we spotlight events and photos of interest to parents with children from birth to grade 6.

Preteens in grade 5 and 6 have their own blog at www.mgplalmostteen.blogspot.com/. Comments on any topic are welcome; all comments are moderated before being posted. Make your voice known by commenting on surveys on the blogs. For example, let us know what other video game formats you would like to see purchased for circulation.

Wired Teen Zone

Teen READ:
Twilight by Stephanie Meyer
Thurs., March 1, 7 pm
Teen READ will be meeting at McDonald's, 6309 Dempster.

Inexcusable by Chris Lynch
Date and location to be announced.

Gettin' Saucy: Teen Cooking Class
Thurs., March 8, 6:30 pm
Teen chefs will prepare and eat a dinner of Mexican specialties. Limited to ten, grades 7 and up. Registration required.

Film: *My Super Ex-girlfriend*
Sat., April 7, 2 pm
See page 7 for film details

From the Director

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discussions or reading groups outside the Library, but who could benefit from library resources. **Karen Hansen,** our new Readers Advisory Librarian, is already working with several local condominium associations and the Senior Center to better serve groups and individuals by supporting their reading activities. If you have a book group and want help with titles, topics or questions or are thinking of starting a book group contact Karen at 847-965-4220. She is ready to help.

These are just a few of the staff who work to make information and materials available to you quickly and easily. I hope to profile more of them in a future column. In the meantime if you have an idea, suggestion or criticism to share, please contact me. I am always interested in hearing from Morton Grove residents.

MOVIES BY THE MONTH

Westward Ho! In March and April, the Library will be showing a series of westerns, featuring the historical and the hysterical. In addition, family films, recent releases and foreign films will be shown.

MARCH 2007

3 Saturday, 2 pm: *My Darling Clementine* (1946, NR, 96 min.)
A melodrama about the adventures of Wyatt Earp, marshall of Tombstone, AZ, and his friend Doc Holiday. The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral leads to the defeat of the Clanton gang. Cast: Henry Fonda, Victor Mature.

4 Sunday, 2 pm: *Deep Blue* (2006, G, 91 min.)
Pierce Brosnan narrates this spectacle of underwater exploration into the secret lives of sea creatures.

10 Saturday, 2 pm: *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (1969, PG, 111 min.)
The Sundance Kid is the frontier's fastest gun. His partner, Butch Cassidy is always dreaming up new ways to get rich fast. Cast: Paul Newman, Robert Redford, Katherine Ross.

13 Tuesday, 11:30 am: *Hondo* (1953, NR, 83 min.)
Hondo Lane, a dispatch rider for the Cavalry, encounters Angie Lowe, a woman living alone with her young son in the midst of hostile Apache territory, and winds up pretending to be married to her in order to protect her from a forced marriage with one of the Apaches. Cast: John Wayne, Geraldine Page.

15 Thursday, 2 and 7 pm: *Flags of Our Fathers* (2006, R, 132 min.)
Clint Eastwood directed this film about the life stories of six men who raised the flag at the Battle of Iwo Jima, a turning point of WWII. Cast: Ryan Phillippe, Jesse Bradford.

16 Friday, 2 pm: *Butterfly* (2000, R, 94 min, Spanish with subtitles.)
A shy young boy is brought out of his cocoon by a wise teacher who shows him the wonder of the natural world around him, amidst the growing tensions and chaos of the Spanish Civil War in Galicia. Cast: Fernando Fernan-Gomez, Manuel Lozano, Uxia Blanco.

24 Saturday, 2 pm: *In Her Shoes* (2006, PG-13, 130 min.)
This comedy/drama is based on Jennifer Weiner's bestseller about two sisters who have a falling out but who learn to make peace with themselves and with each other with the help of a grandmother they thought was dead. Cast: Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette, Shirley Maclaine.

27 Tuesday, 11:30 am: *The Horse Soldiers* (1959, NR, 120 min.)
Colonel Marlowe is in command of a motley assortment of 1,200 Union volunteers whose task is to infiltrate 300 miles of Southern territory and to destroy the most strategic rail route in the Confederacy. Cast: John Wayne, William Holden.

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3 Tuesday, 11:30 am: *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* (1962, NR, 123 min.)
The story of a man who becomes a legend and an important political figure by falsely claiming he shot a ruthless gunman. Cast: John Wayne, James Stewart, Lee Marvin.

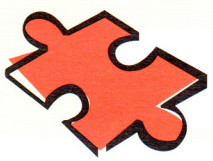
7 Saturday, 2 pm: *My Super Ex-Girlfriend* (2006, PG-13, 96 min.)
Matt Saunders' perfect girlfriend, Jenny Johnson, becomes too needy, controlling and jealous, so Matt breaks up with her. It turns out Jenny is really a super-hero named G-Girl, and she decides to get back at him by using her super powers. Cast: Uma Thurman, Luke Wilson, Anna Faris.

10 Tuesday, 11:30: *Blazing Saddles* (1974, R, 90 min.)
A hilarious spoof of every western film cliché, in which a black man is appointed sheriff of a frontier town. Cast: Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder, Mel Brooks, Madeline Kahn.

14 Saturday, 2 pm: *The Harmonists* (1999, R, 115 min.)
Holocaust Remembrance Day: April 15
Harry and his friends form The Harmonists, a singing group in pre-war Germany. Changes in the nation's political tide force them to make decisions that will test their loyalty. When three of the six are identified as Jews, the group faces being banned from performing. Cast: Ben Becker, Heino Ferch, Ulrich Noethen.

16 Monday, 2 pm: *The Chorus* (2005, PG-13, 97 min., French with subtitles)
Unemployed music teacher Clement Mathieu becomes the supervisor of a boarding school for the rehabilitation of minors. Dismayed by the repressive administration, he works to positively transform the students' lives through music. Cast: Jerard Jugnot, Francois Berleand, Kad Merad, Marie Bunel.

19 Thursday, 2 and 7 pm: *Babel* (2006, R, 143 min.)
An American touring Morocco with his wife becomes the focus of an international incident also involving a farmer struggling to keep his family together; a San Diego nanny takes her absent employers' children with her to a wedding in Mexico; and a deaf-mute Japanese teenager deals with her father and a world that has been upended by the death of her mother. Cast: Brad Pitt, Cate Blanchett.



February Was Library Lovers Month

Winners of the Valentine's Day drawing were: Myra E., Evelyn K., Pat M. and Laura V. Over 300 Valentines were received by the Library. Some of the messages received were:

♥ Happy Valentines Day! I love how you have so many books and movies. I love Legos and dinosaur books – you have lots of them! *William*

♥ All the friendly staff and cool stuff to do: like games, computers and puzzles. *Tiffany*

♥ Read and read and read books. *Filip*

♥ The Library is a nice place to read a book. It's a lot of fun to come here. I love you. *Alena*

♥ The Library . . . so many books, so little time.

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Classes, programs, and films are subject to change and may be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Please call the Library at 847-929-5101 to confirm scheduled events.

From the Director

Looking back at my *Books and Beyond* columns over the past year I notice a tendency to talk about recent physical changes at the Library. Of course, the Morton Grove Public Library is much more than a building that houses books and computers. Our staff sets the tone and culture of your Library and they work very hard to make MGPL a warm and welcoming place. And, as the Library continues to be an increasingly popular place, we need to bring in more staff to serve you even better.

Thus, we've hired a new part time Youth Services Librarian, **Brenda Glenn.** Programs like Listen Up!, Drop in Preschool Story time, Stories 'n Stuff for K-2, Knitting Club, Wee Read and Kids in the Kitchen have proved so popular that YS Librarians **Terry Carey** and **Ronnie Rund** want to make them accessible to an even wider audience. It will also allow us to expand the number of guided activities happening in Youth Services. The position is paid for with a grant from the Illinois State Library.

Our adult programs have also become a major draw; film programs and the great variety of cultural and educational events attract more than 700 people to the Library each month. Because we hope to raise that number, **Nancy Brothers,** who manages all of our adult programming, will gain a part time assistant to help select, schedule and introduce programs and events. We also hope to expand the number of events and cover new topics. This position is also paid for with a grant from the Illinois State Library.

Not everything MGPL does happens in the building. Both Teen Librarian **Katy Opderbeck** and YS Information assistant **Rosetta Metz** have done fantastic work taking the Library and its resources to the local schools. Katy's Teen Library Council is a growing influence in the Library, while Rosetta's efforts have increased the number of elementary, middle school and home-schooled students using the Library.

We want to reach out to adults who may be involved in book

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